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SUBJECT: LOS UNCLASSIFIED WEEKLY SUMMARY FOR D/LOS,

ENDING MARCH 26, 1975

SUMMARY: DURING SECOND WEEK OF CONFERENCE WORK PROCEEDED
ON CONCURRENT BASIS OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS OF THREE
MAAIN COMMITTEES AND INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AMONG OTHER
GROUPS INCLUDING MEETING OF ALL REGIONAL GROUPS AS WELL
AS GROUP OF 77. CONFERENCE PRESIDENT HAS SET APRIL 4 AS
TIME AT WHICH WORK OF INITIAL STAGE OF CONFERENCE WILL
BE REVIEWED AND FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION CONSIDERED. IN
SINGLE FORMAL MEETING OF C-1, USSR INTRODUCED ARTICLES
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ON BAJASIC CONDITIONS OF DEEP SEABEDS EXPLOITATION. C-2

WORKING GROUP CONTINUED SECOND READING OF ITEMS IN MAIN TRENDS PAPER INCLUDING TERRITORIAL SEA, STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOS. IN A FORMAL MEETING OF C-3, UK INTRODUCED, ON BEHALF OF NINE MEMBERS OF GROUP OF 17 MARITIME STATES, COMPREHENSIVE DRAFT ARTICLES ON MARINE POLLUTION. END SUMMARY.

1. COMMITTEE I: IN CONFORMITY WITH INITIAL PROPOSED OUTLINE OF WORK, COMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP CONCENTRATED EFFORTS IN SUBSEQUENT STAGES OF OPERATIONS) AND 5 (ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO ACTIVITIES) CONTAINED IN CP/WORKING PAPER NO. 2 OF 18 MARCH, 1975. AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONTINUING DISCUSSION ON JOINT VENTURE SYSTEM ACCEPTABLE TO ALL DELEGATIONS IN LIEU OF EXAMING ARTICLE 9 (I.E. DIRECT EXPLOITATION BY AUTHORITY). USSR INTRODUCED A/CONF. 62/C.1/L.12 OF 21 MARCH 1975, REPRESENTING SOVIET PROPOSAL ON BASIC PROVISIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DEEP SEABEDS ACTIVITIES, NOW FIFTH PRINCIPAL ALTERNATIVE TEXT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE I. PERU EXPRESSED CONCERN OF GROUP OF 77 OVER REPORTS THAT USG CONSIDERING DEEP SEABED LEGISLATION AND AUSTRALIA RAISED DEEP SEA VENTURES CLAIM. AMBASSADOR STEVENSON DELIVERED WELL-RECEIVED INTERVENTION THAT EXPRESSED U.S. POSITION ON OCEAN MINING LEGISLATION. ENGO (CHAIRMAN) TO REPORT PROGRESS OF COMMITTEE I AND COMMITTEE I WORKING GROUP TO PLENARY, 7 APRIL.

2. COMMITTEE II: A. INFORMAL MORNING MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE II COVERED TERRITORIAL SEA, CONTIGUOUS ZONE, STRAITS AND CONTINENTAL SHELF, AND ECONOMIC ZONE. TONE OF STATEMENTS WAS GENERALLY MODERATE BUT REPETITIOUS. IT IS APPARENT MOST DELEGATIONS ARE DEPENDING ON PRIVATE NEGOTIATING GROUPS TO PRODUCE NEEDED COMMITMENTS. DURING LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF TERRITORIAL SEA, DEBATE FOCUSED ON ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS, ONE OF WHICH REFERRED TO ARCHIPELAGOS. DESPITE STRONG ATTEMPTS BY SMALL GROUP LED BY INDONESIA TO ELICIT SUPPORT FOR AN ARCHIPELAGIC REFERENCE, NON-PREJUDICIAL FORMULA, WHICH IN EFFECT MERELY DEFERS ARCHIPELAGO QUESTION, WAS BROADLY SUPPORTED.

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B. OPEN ATTACKS ON U.S. STRAITS OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN INFREQUENT AND LARGELY CONFINED TO SPAIN, PRC, OMAN, MOROCCO AND EGYPT. ARCHIPELAGO ITEM PASSED WITHOUT COMMENT. DURING CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC ZONE, PERU, IN RESPONDING TO SUPPORT BY PRC AND HONDURAS FOR COASTAL STATE SOVEREIGNTY IN ZONE, ENDORSED JURISDICTIONAL FORMULATION CONTAINED IN US. DRAFT ARTICLES (L.47).

LANDLOCKED AND OTHER "GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED" STATES MADE SERIES OF STATEMENTS, THRUST OF WHICH WAS APPARENTLY TO REMIND PRIVATE AND INFORMAL NEGOTIATING GROUPS THAT THEIR INTERESTS MUST BE ACCOMMODATED.

C. IN COMMITTEE II, AFTERNOONS WERE DEVOTED TO MEETINGS OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS. AFTER MEETING FOR TWO DAYS, FIRST SUCH GROUP FOUND ITSELF IN WIDE AGREEMENT ON PROVISION I (NATURE OF TERRITORIAL SEA), BUT DEFERRED TEXT LARGELY BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO AGREE ON REFERENCE TO ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS AS BASIS FOR MEASURING BREADTH OF TERRITORIAL SEA. U.S. CONCURRED IN SUCH DEFERRAL. ANOTHER SMALL GROUP IS NOW MEETING ON HISTORIC BAYS WITH AIM OF PRODUCING SINGLE TEXT DRAFT ARTICLES ON SOME OF THE MORE TECHNICAL PROVISIONS.

3. MARINE POLLUTION: COMMITTEE III'S INFORMAL WORKING GROUP ON ITEM 12 (MARINE POLLUTION) COMPLETED MOST OF ITS WORK ON MONITORING ARTICLE, HAVING DEFERRED FINAL DECISION ON INCLUSION OF LANGUAGE SUPPORTIVE OF A DOUBLE STANDARD. THE U.K. INTRODUCED DRAFT ARTICLES ON MARINE POLLUTION OF BEHALF OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OF 17; DRAFT ARTICLE WAS ATTACKED TO SOME FOR FAILURE TO GIVE RESIDUAL ENFORCEMENT POWERS TO COASTAL STATES. AMBASSADOR MOORE SUPPORTED DRAFT BUT ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OF U.S. WITH THE DRAFT'S RESTRICTIONS ON PORT STATE ENFORCEMENT POWERS.

4. U.S. PROPOSAL RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS WAS INTRODUCED IN THE INFORMAL GROUP AS A ADDITION TO MONITORING ARTICLE BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBJECT OF DEBATE. DALE UNQUOTE KISSINGER
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